

# Community Planners Committee

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## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCT. 28, 2025**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:**

Jeff Heden, Carmel Valley (CV)	Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)
Saige Gonzalez Walding, Chollas Valley (CVE)	Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)
Marcellus Anderson, City Heights (CH)	Allen Kashani, Otay Mesa (OM)
Robert Montana, College Area (CA)	Marcella Bothwell, Pacific Beach (PB)
Kevin Bagley, Del Mar Mesa (DM)	Eric Law, Peninsula (PEN)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area (EA)	Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RPQ)
David Swarens, Greater Golden Hill (GGH)	Chris Rosemond, Serra Mesa (SM)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)	Victoria LaBruzzo, Chair, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Lisa Kriedeman, La Jolla (LJ)	Guy Preuss, Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH)
Felicity Senoski, Vice Chair, Linda Vista (LV)	Chris Shamoon, Tierrasanta (TS)
Bo Gibbons, Mira Mesa (MM)	Liz Shopes, Torrey Pines (TP)
Kevin Sullivan, Navajo (NAV)	Chris Nielsen, University (Univ)
Lynn Elliott, North Park (NP)	Matt Driver, Uptown (UP)

### **VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:**

Per Article IV, Section 5 and Section 6 of the CPC Bylaws the following planning groups have three (3) consecutive absences and will not be able to vote until recordation of attendance at two (2) consecutive CPC meetings by a designated representative or alternate:  
BL, CMR/SS, KM, MWPH, OT, OMN, SP/LH and TH.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. upon reaching quorum and conducted roll call was conducted.

A motion to add action Item #8 related to a request from the Association for the City of La Jolla for the CPC to advise the Mayor and the City Council against pursuing further legal action related to the anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public participation (SLAPP) lawsuit due to the anticipated tax payer costs. Chair LaBruzzo noted citywide implications regarding this matter as well as hearing from the public.

**Motion** to approve the agenda and accept Action Item #8 as described as part of the modified agenda. Motion by LV. Second by KT.

Yea: CV, CVE, CH, CA, DM, DT, EA, GGH, KT, LV, MM, NAV, NH, OB, PB, PEN, RB, PQ, SR, SPH, TS, TP, UNIV ad UP

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

**Motion approved: 24-0-0**

**2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Non-agenda public comment included continued comment on toxicity issue associated with neighborhood uses, comments on the College Area and Mid-City Community Plan Updates (CPU), local height limits and a need to get summaries from State of California regarding new mandates and how they would affect cities.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPT. 23, 2025**

**Motion** to approve as amended to include Jeff Stevens representing Mira Mesa at the meeting made by NH. Second by MM.

Yea: CV, CVE, CA, EA, KT, LJ, LV, NAV, NH, NP, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SM, SR, SPH, TP, UNIV and UP

Nay: None.

Abstain: CH, DM, DT, GGH, MM and TS,

**Motion approved: 22-0-6**

**4. PRESERVATION AND PROGRESS – PACKAGE A (ACTION ITEM)**

Kelley Stanco, Deputy Director from the City Planning Department presented on Preservation and Progress – a comprehensive update to the City's Heritage Preservation Program that will streamline processes for new homes and other uses while protecting places of historic, architectural and cultural importance and encourage adaptive reuse.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- The change to the appeal process would allow the City Council to overturn a designation for any reason, today they cannot do that unless there is new information or violations of procedure. It was set up that way because they wanted the experts to make the decisions. De novo hearings allow the City Council to overturn for any reason.
- Developers support the ability to overturn designations at any time.
- These proposed changes will equate to losing more potential resources in the long run.
- City still hasn't done the environmental work and they shouldn't be able to

separate Package A from Package B.

- The de novo process would turn a fact-based, professional system into a political one. The City Council lacks the expertise. This de novo process seeks to strip communities of any real influence and bypasses neighborhood level review.
- This proposal is not about historic designation but streamlining demolition for new construction.
- Some Council members may say they want to review designations, but they really do not want a flood of designations to come before City Council.
- Historic preservation is the heart and soul of some of our communities, once a historic resource is gone it's gone for good.
- The proposed changes threaten both our shared heritage and the foundation of our citizen planning and review process.

**Motion** to oppose the de novo appeal, affirmatively request that the Historic Resources Board (HRB) voting policy be based on the majority of those present and support reintroduction of the symmetrical appeal to appeal non-designations. Motion made by KT. Second by NAV.

Yea: CV, CVE, CH, CA, DM, DT, EA, GGH, KT, LJ, LV, MM, NAV, NH, NP, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SM, SPH, TS, TP, UNIV and UP

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

**Motion approved: 28-0-0**

## **5. REQUEST FOR CODE AMENDMENT (ACTION ITEM)**

Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo Planning Board CPC Representative presented a request to reestablish the requirement that CIP or Public Projects that deviate from Environmentally Sensitive Lands regulations be required to comply with the Process 5 – CIP/Public project review process.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- Greater Golden Hill communicated this same concern to the City as they are affected by this issue given their canyon topography.

**Motion** for the CPC to prepare a request to the City Attorney and Planning Director to reestablish the requirement for discretionary review under CIP/Public Project Process 5 when a CIP/Public Project deviates from the ESL regulations. Motion made by RB. Second by GGH.

Yea: CV, CVE, CH, CA, DM, LV, MM, NAV, NH, NP, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SM, SPH, TS TP, UNIV and UP.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

**Motion approved: 23-0-0**

**6. CALIFORNIA HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ISSUES (INFORMATION ITEM)**

David Moty, Chair of the Kensington-Talmadge Community Planning Group provided a presentation on observations on California's conditions and root cause for housing affordability issues.

**7. REQUEST TO SUPPORT CORRECTING INACCURATE NEIGHBORHOOD MAPS (ACTION ITEM)**

Rodrigo Gonzalez from the Jamacha Neighborhood Council presented a request to correct inaccurate neighborhood maps to comply with the neighborhood boundaries in the adopted Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Plan.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- It isn't clear where a decision on this request would go (i.e., Planning Commission or Land Use & Housing).
- The police beat maps use different criteria related to the maps they use and not related to planning.
- This appears to be ultimately a Council District 4 mapping issue.

**Motion** for the CPC to endorse the Jamacha Neighborhood Council's (JNC) request for a support memo and request the Planning Commission, Land Use & Housing Committee and City Council add this matter to their agendas all city departments and relative authorities are urged to immediately correct the District 4 key maps, SD Blueprint and update all official maps to accurately reflect the name and boundaries of the Jamacha community as specified in the Skyline-Paradise Hills community plan and to coordinate with the JNC mapping and boundary committee and Chairperson Doreen Pesta to ensure compliance and resolve issues caused by inaccurate mapping. Motion made by NAV to also have the motion apply and relate citywide. Second by RB.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- It was questioned why this request did not go to the Skyline-Paradise Hill planning group first before going to the CPC. The planning did not receive a letter on this issue.
- City made a clear that they don't get involved in neighborhood boundary issues. Police have different maps with entirely different boundaries. Other communities have informal boundaries.

Yea: CV, CVE, CH, CA, DT, GGH, KT, LV, MM, NAV, NP, OB, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SM, SPH, TS, TP and UNIV

Nay: DM and EA

Abstain: LJ, NH, OM and UP.

**Motion approved: 22-2-4.**

#### **8. REQUEST FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE CITY OF LA JOLLA (ACTION ITEM)**

Ed Witt, Vice-President, Association for the City of La Jolla requested that the CPC advise the Mayor and the City Council against pursuing further legal action related to the anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) lawsuit due to the anticipated tax payer costs.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- The City is being hypocritical regarding the objection to the use of abbreviations relative to this issue.
- There seems to be a fundamental issue regarding a request for the City to not exercise their right to appeal while expecting due process.

**Motion** to support request. Motion made by KT. Second by PEN.

Yea: CV, CVE, KT, LJ, NH, PB, PEN and SR.

Nay: CA, EA, LV, MM, NAV, NP, OB, OM, RPQ, SM, SPH, TS, TP, UNIV and UP.

Abstain: CH, DT, GGH,

**Motion failed: 8-15-5.** No other motions offered. No action taken by the CPC on this matter.

#### **REPORTS TO CPC**

- **Staff Report** – Marlon Pangilinan, Program Coordinator from the City Planning Department provided updates on citywide initiatives such as the Citywide Trails Master Plan and the Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Master Plan, the Inclusive Public Engagement Guide to be presented to the Rules Committee on Nov. 19, Infrastructure Priorities, Annual Report on Homes and the City Planning Department's recent reorganization involving a new Housing Policy and Environmental Analysis Division.
- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports** – Chair Labruzzo reported out on her and Vice-Chair's meeting with Planning Director Heidi Vonblum to establish better and direct communication with the City Planning Department regarding relationships between community planners and planning groups, CPC advocacy related to ministerial projects, and issues related to Development Services Department (DSD) policy and document access.

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. to next regular meeting: November 25, 2025, however date to change as a result of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Recording of the Oct. 28, 2025 CPC meeting can be found at the following link: [CPC Oct 28 2025](#).